

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Roberto PELLICCIARI	Confirmation No.:	3802
Application No.:	10/590,848	Art Unit:	1612
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Title:	NOVEL STEROID AGONIST FOR FXR		

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated May 1, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. A Petition for Extension of Time and a copy of Pellicciari, *et al.*, "6 α -Ethyl-Chenodeoxycholic Acid (6-EDCA), a Potent and Selective FXR Agonist Endowed with Anticholestatic Activity," Journal of Medicinal Chemistry, 45(17): 3569-3572 (August 15, 2002) ("Pellicciari") are being filed herewith. The Petition of Extension of Time extends the due date for response to Monday, November 3, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.